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Starting July 1, 2016, there will be some changes to the invoicing process. See below to find out which changes will affect your organization.

What's New for Schools and Libraries?

INVOICING CHANGES

BEAR (FCC Form 472) Method

• In the previous Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (or BEAR) method, USAC reimbursed service providers who then passed on that reimbursement to the school or library. As of July 1, 2016, service providers will no longer be involved in the BEAR certification and submission process. USAC will instead only reimburse applicants directly via electronic transfer. Receive direct reimbursement by filing an FCC Form 498. This process registers your organization's banking information. USAC will then issue you a 498 ID to use on your BEAR form(s). Once you have a 498 ID, you can file online BEAR forms to receive direct payments.